Mr. President: I take it that the Honourable Member has leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

When putting the last supplementary grant of a sum of Rs. 250 under "15—7—Committees —Contingency" which was moved, I omited to put the motion before the House. With your leave I put it now.

Demand put and carried

18. Rs. 2,712 under "39—5—Standard cloth—Establishment"

19. Rs. 1,114 under "39—5—Standard cloth—Dearness allowance"

20. Rs. 125 under "39—5—Standard cloth—Travelling allowance"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I move for Rs. 2,712 under "39—5—Standard cloth—Establishment", Rs. 1,114 under "39—5—Standard cloth—Dearness allowance" and Rs. 125 under "39—5—Standard cloth—Travelling allowance". These 3 amounts are required in connection with the working of the Cochin Cotton Cloth and Yarn Control Order. Under that scheme several returns have to be submitted to the Textile Commissioner, Bombay and for that purpose a much larger staff than was anticipated had to be appointed. It is to meet the establishment charges T. A. and contingent charges of this staff that these amounts are required. I request that these amounts may be granted.

Demand put and carried

21. Rs. 300 under "15—4—Legislative Council—Salaries—Deputy President"

22. Rs. 75 under "15—4—Legislative Couucil—Miscellaneous"

23. Rs. 463, under "15—4—Legislative Council—Bonus to reporters"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I move for Rs. 300 under "15—4—Legislative Council—salaries—Deputy President", Rs. 75 under "15—4—Legislative Council—Miscellaneous" and Rs. 463 under "15—4—Legislative Council—Bonus to reporters". The extra grant under salary is required because of the extension of the present Council by one year. When framing the Budget of the current year, provision was made only for ten months and that has now to be further augmented by Rs. 300 for the remaining part of the year. Rs. 75 is on account of miscellaneous charges such as cost of tins, cooly charges and washing of linen. The last item of Rs. 463 due to the increased number of days the reporters had to work. I request that the House may pleased to grant these amounts.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know exactly what amount was being paid to the reporters previously.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Rs. 2—12—0. That is now raised to Rs. 5.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President, I move that the amount of Rs. 300 for the pay of the Deputy President of the Legislative Council may be deleted. As stated in the Agenda, the cut motion is intended to exhort the Government to dissolve the sitting Legislative Council and order new election fixing a life for it of 5 years. The cut motion, Sir, speaks for itself.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Sir, I rise to a point of order, that this cut motion is out of order, because the period to be fixed for the Legislative Council is the prerogative of His Highness. So, the motion is not in order. The Act gives the period to be fixed and the Act cannot be amended by the Council. Therefore any provision by which the Act comes into question, is out of order.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* This is only a recommendation.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* You cannot discuss the Act. It has fixed a period.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* This Council cannot discuss the provision of the Act. Therefore the last portion has to be deleted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In deference to the wishes of my esteemed friend from Mattancheri and the Hon'ble Advocate-General—my position is that it is discussable—I am prepared to respond to the wishes of both my friends and delete the portion "fixing a period of 5 years". I am quite satisfied with the earlier portoin, *viz.*, "To exhort the Government to dissolve the Council and order new elections." As I submitted before, the cut-motion, Sir, speaks for itself. The normal life of this the 5th Council which is important for reasons more than one.....

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